## **REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides forcentinued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

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his is a Request fo Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

§ 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a sentinued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000). Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April

11, 2000), which established RCE practice.									
1.	1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:								
	a.		Previously s	submitted 2 8					
		i.		Consider the amendment(s)/reply after final	under 37 C.F.R. § 1.	116 previously filed on [Date]			
		ii.		Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on [Date]					
		iii.		Other					
	b.	$\boxtimes$	Enclosed:						
		i.	$\boxtimes$	Amendment/Reply					
		ii.		Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)					
		iii.		Information Disclosure Statement					
		iv.		Other					
2.	Miscellaneous								
	a.			of action on the above-mentioned application					
			[number] mo	onths. (Period of suspension shall not exceed	3 months; fee under	r 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)			
	b.		Other			19			
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3.	Fee	_	The filling fo	a filling for in coloulated as follows:					
	a.	⊠ :		e is calculated as follows:					
		i. 	⊠ 57	\$740.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)					
		ii.		Petition for extension of time for (3 Months) \$920.00					
	h	iii.		Other					
	b.			heck in the amount of \$1660.00 enclosed.					
	C.		The Director is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filling fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.						
Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required									
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